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COUNTRY	USSR (Black Sea)	REPORT	
SUBJECT	1. Zmeynyy Island 2. Port of Odessa	DATE DISTR.	22 MARCH 1954 25X1
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guard vessel off Zmeynyy Island (N 45-15, E 30-13). The position of this vessel is indicated on Sketch No. 1 on page 3. There were barracks and a radar station on the island. (See sketch.)

2. Navigation was prohibited in the vicinity of the Dnestr estuary, in the area shown on Sketch No. 2 on page 3. Inflow warned mariners on 2 June 1954 that this zone was to be used for naval firing practice.
3. Numerous searchlights were in operation along the coast between Cape Fontana (N 46-23, E 30-35) and Odessa. The searchlights were situated about a half-kilometer apart.
4. Five destroyers were anchored approximately three-quarters of a mile from the quarantine mole, in the outer harbor of Odessa. (The quarantine mole is located at Point No. 1 on the sketch map of the port on page 4.) Each of the destroyers had the following characteristics:

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- a. Bow: Slanted
- b. Stern: As illustrated
- c. Single mast, located between the bridge and the stack
- d. Single stack, slightly streamlined, narrowed (sic) at the sides and equipped with a smoke hood
- e. Armament: Gun turret forward and aft. Informant did not know whether each turret had one or two guns.
Two twin sets of torpedo tubes to port and starboard amidships
Ten antiaircraft guns

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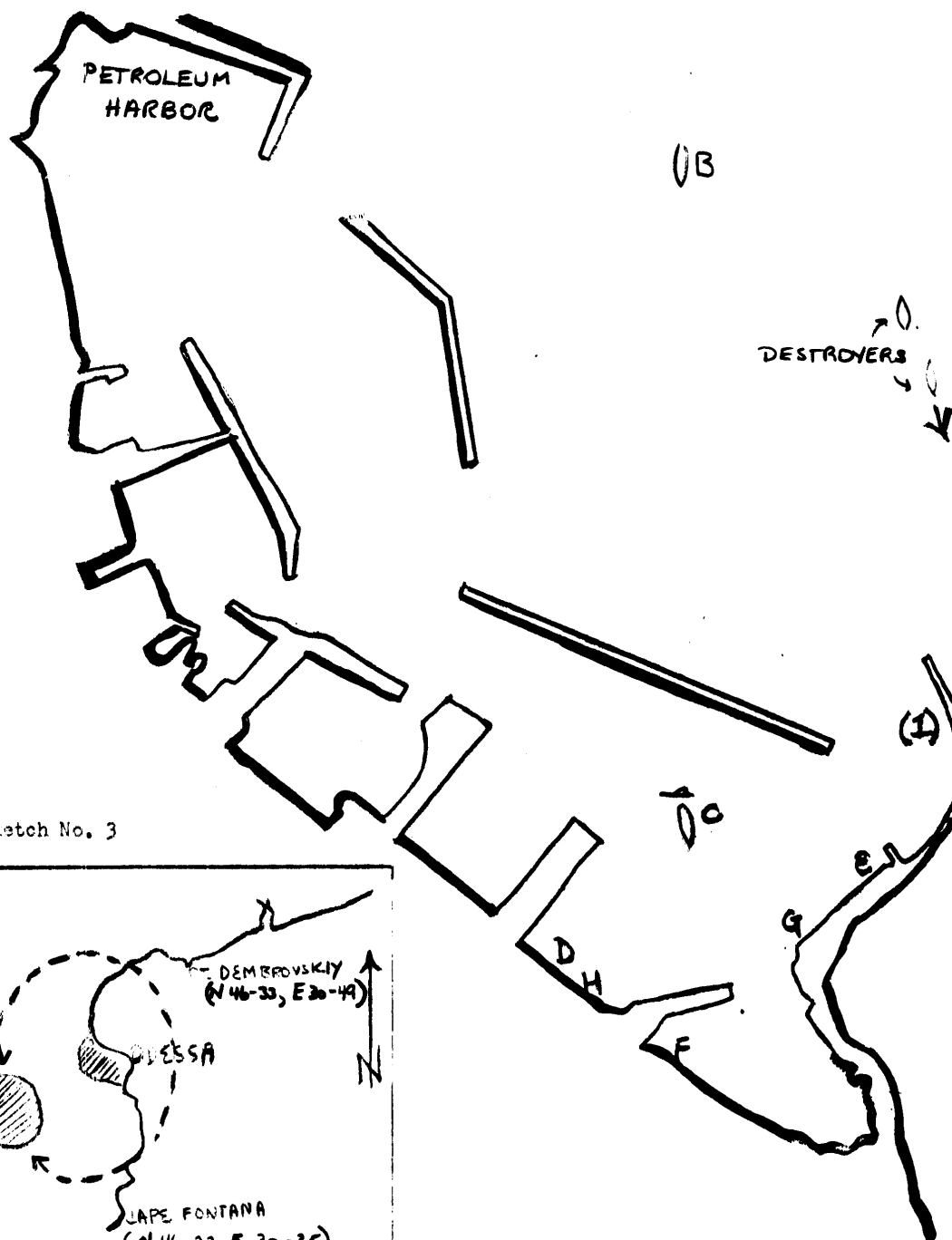
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Sketch of port

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f. Hull: Painted gray, with a white band at the waterline

5. At 0800 hours on 26 July, all five destroyers left the roads and were observed heading south. At sunset they returned to port. At dawn on 28 July, they again put out to sea. 25X1
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6. An old destroyer 25X1 and an old-type cruiser were also anchored 25X1 in the roads. The destroyer's stack was marked with a narrow red band and a black hammer and sickle. On 26 July, this vessel was towed into port. It tied up to the buoy at Point C. The cruiser was anchored at Point B. (See sketch map.) Destroyer 25X1 one of the ships described in Para. 4, bunkered 25X1 in the roads from a lighter having an estimated capacity of 200 tons.
7. 25X1 from 26 to 28 July 25X1 following 25X1 merchant ships in the port: 25X1
- a. The Soviet steamer VOSTOK moored at Point C and was later towed to Point E. This ship, which had a dead weight tonnage of about 7,000, was carrying a cargo of military trucks, approximately 40 of which were visible on deck. 25X1
- b. 25X1
- c. 25X1
- d. An 8,000 DWT Soviet steamer unloaded coal at Point H.
- e. Three or four 10,000 DWT Soviet tankers unloaded at piers in the petroleum harbor
8. Jet aircraft were observed taking off and landing southwest of the city, in the area shown on Sketch No. 3 on page 4. The dashed line on the sketch indicates the course flown by these aircraft. 25X1

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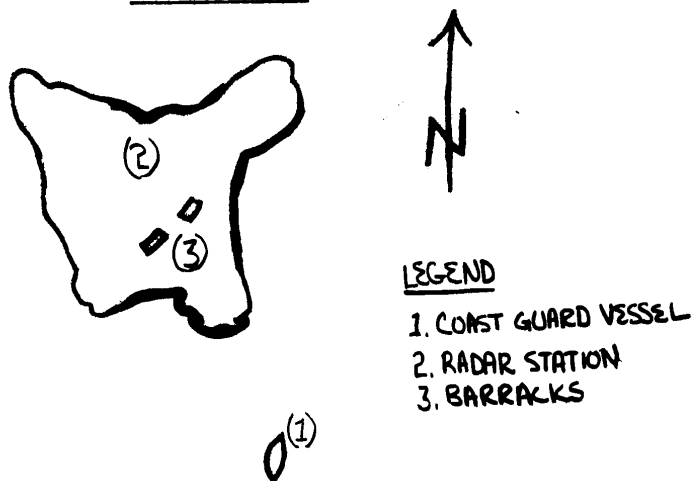
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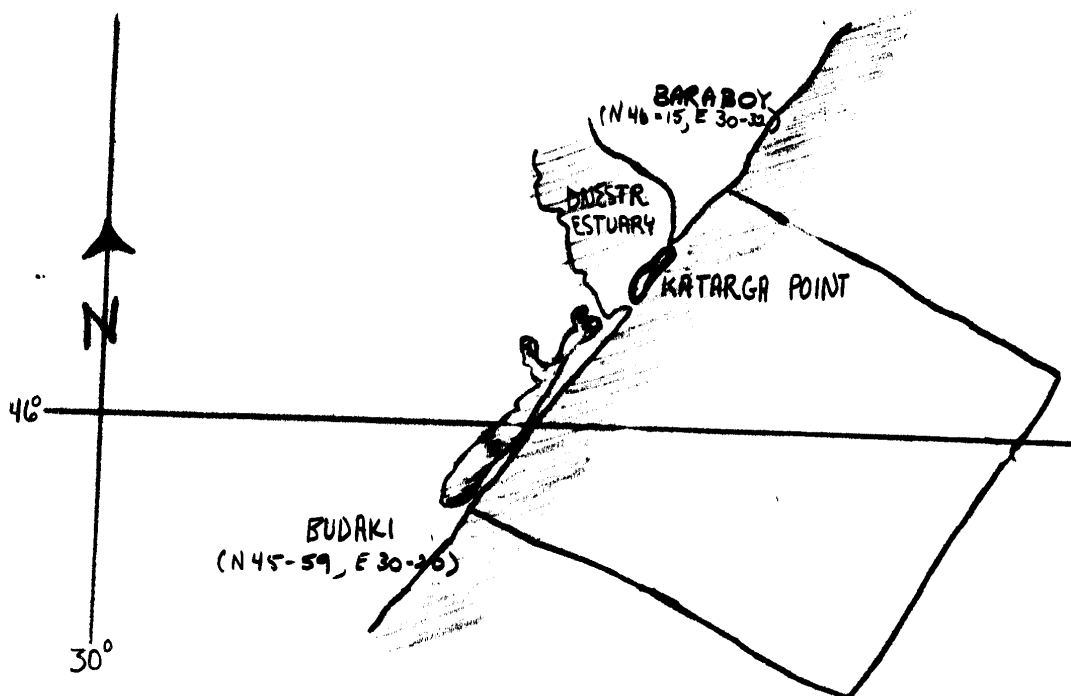
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Sketch No. 2

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